Georgia Highlands College continues to grow

MARIETTA — Officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced today the names of more than 1,600 high school senior students who have been designated as semifinalists in the 46th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. The seniors have the opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 7,400 Achievement Scholarship awards that will be offered next spring, valued at about $18 million.

The semifinalists include:

- Alexander McGill, Hillgrove High School
- Ademisola Ijidakinro, Wheeler High School
- Brianna Jordan, Wheeler High School
- Chelseay Parks, Campell High School
- Shimar Clementis, Wheeler High School
- Savanna Williams, Campbell High School

The National Merit Scholarship Program, conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, is a privately financed academic competition that operates without government assistance. It was established in 1955 to recognize academically promising young people throughout the nation and to provide scholarships to a substantial number of the most outstanding program participants. To date, over 300,000 students have received Achievement Scholarship awards worth $94 million.

Approximately 1.5 million students are expected to fulfill academic and enrollment requirements and to advance to the 2010 program. Achievement Scholarship awardees will be selected on the basis of their abilities, accomplishments and potential for future success in rigorous college programs.

More than 16,000 high school juniors from all parts of the United States are expected to compete for the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program awards.

In Georgia, 52 students have been designated as semifinalists.

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